(a) whether it is a fact that V.S.N.L. had decided to generate an additional amount of Rs. 1000 crore from sale of part of its holdings in Intelset and Inmarsat;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government had approved the sale and if so, when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) VSNL had proposed disinvestment of their holdings in INTELSAT and INMARSAT to the extent of 75% and 100% along with Initial Public offerings (IPOs) proposed to be issued by these companies. This was accepted in principle. However, it is understood that INMARSAT has already decided not to go for IPO. So far as INTELSAT is concerned, if the IPO takes place, some quantity of VSNL's holding will be sold depending upon the response from other shareholders. Government has given its approval.

Payment of Bill Through E-Seva

1628. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BSNL is accepting only payment of bills through E-seva (electronic delivery of citizen services) that too within the 'due date' and not allowing payment of bills beyond 'due date', not accepting applications for new connection, CLIP facilities, transfer of telephones, etc.;

(b) if so, the reasons behind not allowing the other services, apart from payment of bills that too within 'due date' period;

(c) whether any request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh has been received in this connection; and

(d) if so, what action his Ministry has taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (d) BSNL has since agreed to the acceptance of telephone bills beyond due date through E-seva. Application concerning

CLIP facilities, new connection, etc. are not being accepted at these centres at present due to administrative reasons. However, a request from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard is under active consideration of BSNL.

IT Investors

1629. SHRI H.K. JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of IT investors who established their companies in India to create wealth and forge mutually profitable business partnership-with Indian companies for the past 5 years; and

(b) the details of the amount of investment made and the employment provided by such companies to the Indian software and hardware engineers for the past 5 years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SANJAY PASWAN): (a) there is a total of 2287 investors as per details given below:

(Rs. crore)

Period	Amount of FDI approved for IT sector	Amount of FDI inflows in electrical equipment*
January 1997 to May 2002	17,878.23	7,381.93

'Electrical Equipment include FDI inflows received in IT sector. No segregated data is available for IT sector.

The details of such proposals, *viz.,* Name and country of foreign collaborator, percentage of equity, items of manufacture/activity and location of the project are published on a monthly basis in SIA Newsletter, published by Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP), which is widely circulated, including to the Parliament library.

(b) data on employment generation resulting out of FDI is not maintained on a centralized basis by DIPP.